

4. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least two slits (70) extend radially as far as the center (C) of the disc (20) in such a manner that the disc is separated into at least two distinct portions.

5. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the facing, oppositely situated free edges (74, 76) have a radial orientation in such a manner that the corresponding slit (70) forms a V whose apex is oriented towards the center (C) of the disc (20).

6. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the oppositely situated free edges (74, 76) are curved and convex, their convexity being opposed.

7. (amended) A method of manufacturing as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the disc (20) comprises a series of slits (70) which are angularly distributed in a regular fashion so as to define substantially identical angular sectors (78).

8. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that adhesive is introduced into the slit (70) in such a manner